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Sarah Bracher to Fanny Bracher, 1 July 1865

Kangaroo Flat

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

My darling Girl

I wrote to you about a week since & was happy to find you anticipated such pleasant recess from school duties, may you enjoy yourself very much & try to be useful & good always then you may expect a large share of happiness, what a wise providence it is that our happiness does not depend on the abundance of this worlds goods, an approving conscience is better than riches & God's favor than much gold, in a few days you will arrive at the important age of 18 & will soon be as Louise says quite a woman so I trust you will be very discreet in the choice of friends & companions as they may have a great influence on your future career. I was gratified to see how you spent your time both school days & Sabbath & hope that you will be benefited for time & eternity You have not been without warnings that this is not your *rest*.

The Captn B you mention is brother to Captn Brownrigg of Mauritius, the young lady whose death you speak of was named after Mrs B my kind friend who was a daughter of the late Genl Fyers a true Christian lady & used to be very fond of you & I & shewed us much friendship during our 3½ yrs residence on Beau Bassin. Annie B afterwards Mrs Fyers & Ellen now Mrs Terry went down from Sydney to Mauritius in the *Fanny Fisher* & we were near being ship mates as they put in at the Swan, but you had the hooping cough & I could not go then, the Captn (Harold) was an old friend of your Uncle Henry's & came to see us at B B. The eldest Miss B is married to Captn Ridley of the *Artemizia* & their baby was named after the ship. Their uncle James B was Post Master General of Mauritius & his daughters married Merchants there.

By your Aunt Lucy's letter I see Uncle Shake has some idea of coming to Melbourne in about 12 mos, as that part is too hot for him.

I must say good-night my dear I hope you will let me have your little picture soon as the children begin to forget what you are like & Louise says she doesn't know if she's got a Fanny. Give my love to Amy I have not heard anything of them for a long time but I hope they are well

Your ever affect Mother  
S L H Bracher

We have laid some Flour for a few weeks & partly paid the butcher thro Aunt's kindness.